

DTR Regulations and Season Structure Action Team

May 18, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

- Review and edit April 27 draft proposals
- Develop 1st draft proposals for the following DTR recommendations:
 - B5: Establish a public lands antlerless permit system
 - B8: Re-evaluate the October antlerless season in CWD Zone
 - B12: Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas
 - I-1 WCC must have a more active role in deer management decision-making
 - B-11: Resolve the cross-bow season issue

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Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- **DTR Recommendation B5: Establish a public lands antlerless permit system of some sort**
 - Initial poll – Supported (14 yes 4 no)
 - **Proposal** - Restrict the use of antlerless tags exceeding an (x) amount of acres of public land – public land defined as any land with public access (0 yes 13 no)
 - **Proposal** - Gun deer licenses are limited by a lottery system (0 yes 16 no)
 - **Proposal** - Restrict number of hunting days on public land for antlerless harvest (16 yes 2 no)
 - **Proposal** - Youth exempt from restriction (10 yes 7 no)
 - **Proposal** - Opening weekend buck only and Mon/Tues either sex (3 yes 13 no)
 - **Proposal** - Private landowner with more than 10 acres cannot hunt does on public land (0 yes 16 no)
 - **Proposal** - Antlerless permits would be based on percentage of deer range on public vs private property (4 yes 3 no)

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- **DTR Recommendation B5: Establish a public lands antlerless permit system of some sort**
- **Decision Item:** Restrict the days of hunting with allowable harvest on public lands – public land is defined as any property with public access. Let the DNR decide the days. Bow hunting and muzzleloader season will remain unchanged. Youth will be exempt from this.

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- **DTR Recommendation B-8 Re-evaluate October antlerless season in CWD Zone**
 - **Proposal** - Should we have an annual October antlerless season in CWD zone? (6 yes 9 no)
 - **Proposal** - WDNR shall retain the process to have the ability to establish a CWD antlerless season? (10 yes 4 no)
 - **Proposal** - Establish an early (prior to Oct 15) antlerless only hunt on private land in CWD zone Supported (10 yes, 4 no)
 - **Decision Item:** Should not have an annual October antlerless hunt in the CWD zone. The DNR shall retain the process to have an October (early season) hunt. Allow an early antlerless only hunt on private land in CWD zone.

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- **DTR Recommendation B-12: Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas**
 - **Proposal** - No baiting and feeding statewide (13 yes 2 no)
 - **Proposal** - Leave legislation as is (3 yes 14 no)
 - **Proposal** - Legalize baiting and feeding statewide (2 yes 14 no)
 - **Decision Item:** Ban baiting and feeding statewide
- **DTR Recommendation I-1 WCC must have a more active role in deer management decision-making**
 - **Proposal** - Approve DTR I-1 as is with an emphasis on public outreach/involvement and let conservation congress sort out details (16 yes 0 no)
 - **Proposal** - WCC serve as a leadership role at a regional scale and provide summary to department (10 yes 1 no)
 - **Proposal** - Spring hearings in each county, allow a public vote – do you want more deer, same, or less? (14 yes 0 no)

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- **DTR Recommendation I-1 WCC must have a more active role in deer management decision-making**
- **Decision Item:** Conservation Congress should have a more active role in deer management decision making at the local level. WCC shall take a leadership role – solicit and summarize input at a regional level to then be provided to the DNR. WCC should have a stronger outreach and education effort. At spring hearings each county should vote on the levels of deer.

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Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team:

- **DTR Recommendation B-11: Resolve the cross-bow season issue**
 - **Proposal** - Crossbow season separate from archery season (5 yes 7 no)
 - **Proposal** - Same license for archery and crossbow (4 yes)
 - **Proposal** - Separate license for archer and crossbow (10 yes)
 - **Proposal** - Do you support the concept of AB-194 in its current form as of 5/17/13? (13 yes 4 no)
 - **Proposal** - Allow crossbow use starting opening day of gun season and then including late archery season (1 yes 15 no)
 - **Proposal** - Monitoring and adjust season structure if data showed any disproportion (11 yes, 0 no)
 - **Proposal** - Maintain disabled cross-bow opportunity (16 yes, 0 no)
- **Decision Item:** Cross-bows shall have a separate license for archery and crossbow. The crossbow season will be monitored to adjust season structure if data showed any disproportion added to harvest based on historical data. Disabled cross-bow opportunity will be maintained.